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Initial Proposal
Whiskey Gulch Salvage Timber Sale

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is proposing a timber sale on the following state owned parcel, located approximately 12 miles northeast of Lincoln, MT.

Section 36 Township 15N. Range 7W.
Common School Trust

The primary objective of this proposal is to salvage harvest Douglas-fir trees that have been or are likely to be killed by Western spruce budworm. Additional live trees may be harvested within the proposed project area.

The proposed project plans to remove an estimated 2.0 million board feet of timber, from approximately 300 acres. Approximately 3.5 miles of new road would be constructed to access the proposed harvest areas. The proposed action would likely begin in the fall of 2008.

The D.N.R.C. is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes and acreages are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be consulted.

The Montana D.N.R.C. invites comments and suggestions concerning this proposal from all interested parties. Please respond by January 7, 2008 to:

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